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SUBJ: MANITOBA ELECTION LIKELY IN THE FALL

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1. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ONTARIO ELECTIONS WILL BE ON JUNE 9, (REFTTEL), PREMIER SCHREYER HAS INDICATED THAT MANITOBA'S ELECTION MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL AUTUMN. SCHREYER SAID HE WOULD BE LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. BUT WOULD NOT RULE OUT A LATER DATE. OTHER FACTORS, SUCH AS THE TIMING OF THE HARVEST, COULD AFFECT THE SITUATION.

2. THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION THAT SCHREYER WOULD OPT FOR A JUNE DATE FOUR YEARS AFTER NDP'S 1973 ELECTION VICTORY, AND ALL THREE PARTY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN BUSY LINING UP CANDIDATES. BUT, ONTARIO ELECTION HAS GIVEN MANITOBA NDP'S REASON TO DELAY. ACCORDING TO CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION, NDP IS AFRAID TO PROCEED WITHOUT HELP FROM ONTARIO PARTY WORKERS. MORE PLAUSIBLE IS THE THEORY THAT IF CONSERVATIVES DO WELL IN ONTARIO IN EARLY JUNE AS EXPECTED, THERE MIGHT BE BANDWAGON EFFECT WHICH WOULD CARRY OVER INTO MANITOBA. THUS, SCHREYER WANTS TO PUT AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE TWO ELECTIONS.

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3. ALTHOUGH OPPONENTS EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DELAY, THE EXTRA TIME WILL GIVE CANDIDATES A CHANCE TO MEET MORE CONSTITUENTS, AND SPOKESMEN FOR ALL THREE PARTIES PREDICTED A BETTER ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN.
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